C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

1.   **(Currently Amended)** A method for regulating calls, comprising:

detecting a context for a call from a first party to a second party via a particular line, wherein a third party subscribes to a telephone service made available to said first party for said call;

comparing said context for said call with a selection of context based criteria for said particular line specified by said third party; and

only establishing a communication channel between said first party and said second party through said particular line if said context is acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

2.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, further comprising:

directing said call to a screening party if said context is not acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

3.   Cancelled.

4.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said first party designates said selection of context based criteria.

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5.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said second party designates said selection of context based criteria.

6.   **(Currently Amended)** A system for regulating calls, comprising:

a communication channel enabled by a communication system;

means for detecting a context of a call initiated via a particular line between a first party and a second party, wherein a third party subscribes to a telephone service made available to said first party for said call;

means for comparing said context for said call with a selection of context based criteria for said particular line specified by said third party; and

means for only establishing said communication channel between said first party and said second party through said particular line if said context is acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

7.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for directing said call to a screening party if said context is not acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

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8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said first party designates said selection of context based criteria.

10.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said second party designates said selection of context based criteria.

11.   **(Currently Amended)** A computer program product for regulating calls, comprising:

a recording medium;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for detecting a context of a call initiated via a particular line between a first party and a second party, wherein a third party subscribes to a telephone service made available to said first party for said call;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for comparing said context for said call with a selection of context based criteria for said particular line specified by said third party; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for only establishing a communication channel between said first party and said second party through said particular line if said context is acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

12.   (Original) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 11, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for directing said call to a screening party if said context is not acceptable within said selection of context based criteria.

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13. (Cancelled)

14. A method for regulating outgoing calls, comprising:

detecting an identity of a party called via a particular line;

determining a selection of third party criteria governing calls via said particular line according to said identity of said called party; and

only establishing a communication channel via said particular line between a calling party and called party if said called party is acceptable within said selection of third party criteria.

15. (Cancelled)

16. **(Currently Amended)** A method for screening calls, comprising:

detecting a context for a call from a first party to a second party, <u>wherein said context indicates at least one from among a location of said first party, a type of telephony device used by said first party, and a device used to authenticate an identity of said first party</u>; and

responsive to said context requiring prescreening of said call, transferring said call to a screening party.

17. (Original) The method for screening calls according to claim 16, further comprising:

establishing a communication channel between said first party and said screening party.

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18.   (Original) The method for screening calls according to claim 16, further comprising:

establishing a communication channel between said second party and said screening party.

19.   **(Currently Amended)** A system for screening calls, comprising:

a communication system for detecting a call from a first party to a second party;

means for determining a context for said call, <u>wherein said context indicates at least one from among a location of said first party, a type of telephony device used by said first party, and a device used to authenticate an identity of said first party</u>; and

means responsive to said context requiring prescreening of said call, for transferring said call to a screening party.

20.   (Original) The system for screening calls according to claim 19, further comprising:

means for establishing a communication channel between said first party and said screening party.

21.   (Original) The system for screening calls according to claim 19, further comprising:

means for establishing a communication channel between said second party and said screening party.

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22. **(Currently Amended)** A computer program product for screening calls, comprising:

a recording medium;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for determining a context for a call from a first party to a second party, <u>wherein said context indicates at least one from among a location of said first party, a type of telephony device used by said first party, and a device used to authenticate an identity of said first party</u>; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for transferring said call to a screening party where said context indicates a prescreening requirement.

23. (Original) The computer program product for screening calls according to claim 22, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for establishing a communication channel between said first party and said screening party.

24. (Original) The computer program product for screening calls according to claim 22, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for establishing a communication channel between said second party and said screening party.

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25.   **(Currently Amended)** A method for regulating calls, comprising:

detecting an identity of a caller placing a call from a particular line number, wherein a third party independent of said caller subscribes for said particular line number;

accessing ~~third party~~ regulation criteria specified by said third party and relevant to said caller identity for said particular line number; and

regulating said call according to said relevant ~~third party~~ regulation criteria, such that a said third party is enabled to regulate calls to said particular line number without being a direct party to said call.

26.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein detecting a context further comprises:

accessing said identity of said caller from a voice authentication.

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30.   **(Currently Amended)** The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

accessing said ~~third party~~ regulation criteria specified by said third party from a local data storage system.

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31.   (**Currently Amended**) The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

accessing said ~~third party~~ regulation criteria <u>specified by said third party</u> from an external data storage system accessible via a network.

32.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein regulating said context further comprises:

regulating said context to control a path of said call.

33.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein regulating said context further comprises:

regulating said context to control access to said context of said call by at least one party to said call.

34.   (Original) The method for regulating calls according to claim 25, wherein regulating said context further comprises:

regulating said context to control monitoring of said call while in progress for a particular action.

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35. **(Currently Amended)** A system for regulating calls, comprising:

a communication system enabling a caller to place a call;

means for detecting an identity of a caller placing said call at a particular line number, wherein a third party independent of said caller subscribes for said particular line number;

means for accessing ~~third party~~ regulation criteria specified by said third party and relevant to said caller identity for said particular line number; and

means for regulating said call according to said relevant ~~third party~~ regulation criteria.

36. (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for detecting a context further comprises:

means for accessing said identity of said caller from a voice authentication.

37-39 (Cancelled)

40. **(Currently Amended)** The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

means for accessing said ~~third party~~ regulation criteria specified by said third party from a local data storage system.

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41.   (**Currently Amended**) The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

means for accessing said ~~third party~~ regulation criteria <u>specified by said third party</u> from an external data storage system accessible via a network.

42.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means for regulating said context to control a path of said call.

43.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means for regulating said context to control access to said context of said call by at least one party to said call.

44.   (Original) The system for regulating calls according to claim 35, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means for regulating said context to control monitoring of said call while in progress for a particular action.

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45.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product for regulating calls, comprising:

a communication system enabling a caller to place a call;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for detecting an identity of said caller placing said call at a particular line number, wherein a third party independent of said caller subscribes for said particular line number;

means, recorded on said recording medium, for accessing third-party regulation criteria specified by said third party and relevant to said caller identity for said particular line number; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for regulating said call according to said relevant third-party regulation criteria.

46.   (Original) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for detecting a context further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for accessing said identity of said caller from a voice authentication.

47-49 (Cancelled)

50.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for accessing said third-party regulation criteria specified by said third party from a local data storage system.

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51.   (**Currently Amended**) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for accessing third party regulation criteria further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for accessing ~~third party~~ regulation criteria specified by said third party from an external data storage system accessible via a network.

52.   (Original) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for regulating said context to control a path of said call.

53.   (Original) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for regulating said context to control access to said context of said call by at least one party to said call.

54.   (Original) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 45, wherein said means for regulating said context further comprises:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for regulating said context to control monitoring of said call while in progress for a particular action.

55.   (**New**) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said context comprises a location of said caller and a location of said callee.

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56.   (New) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, said method further comprising:

continually monitoring said context for said call once said communication channel is established between said first party and said second party, wherein said context for said call comprises an actual identity of said first party and an actual identity of said second party; and

only maintaining said communication channel between said first party and said second party if said continually monitored context is allowed when compared with said selection of context based criteria specified by said third party for said particular line.

57.   (New) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said context indicates a type of telephony device used by said first party.

58.   (New) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said context indicates a type of billing plan for telephony services available to said first party.

59.   (New) The method for regulating calls according to claim 1, wherein said context indicates a device that authenticates an identity of said first party.

60.   (New) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said context comprises a location of said caller and a location of said callee.

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61.   (New) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, said system further comprising:

means for continually monitoring said context for said call once said communication channel is established between said first party and said second party, wherein said context for said call comprises an actual identity of said first party and an actual identity of said second party; and

means for only maintaining said communication channel between said first party and said second party if said continually monitored context is allowed when compared with said selection of context based criteria specified by said third party for said particular line.

62.   (New) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said context indicates a type of telephony device used by said first party.

63.   (New) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said context indicates a type of billing plan for telephony services available to said first party.

64.   (New) The system for regulating calls according to claim 6, wherein said context indicates a device that authenticates an identity of said first party.

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65.   (New) The computer program product for regulating calls according to claim 11, further comprising:

means, recorded on said recording medium, for continually monitoring said context for said call once said communication channel is established between said first party and said second party, wherein said context for said call comprises an actual identity of said first party and an actual identity of said second party; and

means, recorded on said recording medium, for only maintaining said communication channel between said first party and said second party if said continually monitored context is allowed when compared with said selection of context based criteria specified by said third party for said particular line.

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